

# EDITORIALS

## Preserving Home Rule

Writing in the July issue of the "Tax Digest," official publication of the California Taxpayers' Assn., Superior Court Judge Leon T. David urges less centralization of government and the return of local "home rule" to the people.

"Underlying home rule," Judge David said, "is the premise that democracy does not exist to unite us in our common enterprises, and to make conformably a common enterprise; but that, so far as possible, the people at every level should enjoy their differences — their differences in culture, in community objectives, in standard of living. Self-determination should be exercised at every level, and the officials to give effect to the community consensus should be as close to the people as possible, and immediately responsible to them."

Judge David's published remarks in the face of ever-increasing emphasis on the supergovernments of county, state and federal jurisdictions are appropriately made.

The fight for "home rule" is being waged right here in our own community with the formation of a committee of cities who are banding their councils into a fact-finding group to find ways and means to combat the growing hunger of the supergovernments for control of the community.

The committee now being formed is organizing under the chairmanship of Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley, and has been backed by members of the city councils of most Torrance Area, South Bay, and Centinela cities.

They plan to look into such matters as city-county relations, regional planning, transportation, and other areas of government where city leaders feel the "home rule" principle of America is being subverted.

Goal of the committee will be to present facts and information to the membership and will not make decisions binding on the member cities.

The HERALD believes such an organization will serve a good purpose if it, in itself, doesn't come to represent another form of supergovernment.

There is still no substitute for letting each community work out its own problems and set its own policies. And there is nothing like having elected officials on hand and responsible to their neighbors for the actions.

## Fleas a Nuisance but No Threat To Health, Dr. Gilbert Reports

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D. County Health Officer

Ever so often fleas become a problem in certain parts of Los Angeles County, and a number of complaints have recently arisen from residents that have been bitten. Fortunately, however, the particular fleas causing the local unrest are normally of low public health significance, although they are a considerable nuisance.

The flea infestation is due, in part, to a rise in the animal population and also to the fact that people do not always obey the animal leash law. For, when allowed to wander, pets soon become infested with fleas from other animals, which are then carried back to home yard.

CONTROL OF THE flea generally requires some knowledge of its life cycle, which is similar to that of the fly; that is, its development occurs in 4 stages, namely, adult, egg, larva (maggot), and pupa. Many people do not realize that in the last 3 stages the flea is not dependent on an animal for survival. Washing or dusting a pet with insecticide does little more than rid them of fleas for a very short time. A new flea crop is ready to take over.

This situation exists because the flea eggs drop off the animal as soon as they are laid and are mixed either with the dirt outside the house or the dust within it. There they stay, indiscernible from the dirt and dust that encrusts them, until the adult fleas emerge from the pupae about 3 weeks later.

WHEN MATURITY is reached, some of these fleas may

attack persons around the house. For, even though the flea can live for several weeks without food, rather than go hungry it will feed on a wide variety of hosts that can supply the meal of blood that it needs. Fortunately, their preferred food source is usually available.

Moreover, fleas often leave an animal after feeding, and chances are that many of them will be away from a pet while it is "defiled." Or, momentarily paralyzed by the insecticide, the flea may drop off and revive shortly thereafter. Naturally, when an animal is allowed in the house, the eggs may be deposited on rugs, beds, floors, upholstered furniture, or other likely places.

A HOUSE may become flea-infested even when no pets are kept. A certain amount of detective work is then required to find out the source of the infestation. Homes may become infested with rat fleas, for instance, if these rodents are allowed to stay on the premises.

Any attempt to control fleas should be done both inside and out at the same time. After dusting or spraying the animal with insecticide, the first step is to thoroughly vacuum all places within the house likely to be infested. A good insecticide should then be used throughout, carefully following the directions and safeguards given on the container label. Then spray or dust the yard, not forgetting the area under the house. Small children should not be allowed to play on any of these surfaces for 24 hours after the insecticide is used.

## Reader Interest



## Opinions of Others

Somewhere around 15 per cent of all personal income in the nation is paid out for nonwork. That includes social security payments, life insurance, private pensions, interest and rent, and various payments under federal, state, and local programs.

Not working obviously has become big business in the United States. And it seems destined to get bigger still.—Hagerstown (Md.) Morning Herald.

Fellows who drive with one hand are usually headed for a church aisle. Some will walk down it... others will be carried.—West Branch (Iowa) Times.

We realize that a big country cannot be run by a small government... you can't operate an automobile factory with a sewing machine motor... But big business is not, and never was an excuse for inefficient, wasteful spending. You have a right to demand that every dollar of the money of the taxpayers be well spent and accounted for accurately and to demand that dollars intended to be spent unnecessarily be left in the pockets of you and me and the rest of us.—Post Huron (Mich.) Times-Herald.

It was once a pitiful thing, with some connotations of shame and disgrace, for a person to fall upon such evil days that one sought public aid... But in this day of wholesale government aid to all classes of persons, there is neither shame nor disgrace. Instead, it is becoming the accepted, if not the popular, thing to do.—Rich Square (N.C.) The Times-News.

The public is getting fed up with local drives for funds for one thing and another—all good causes, which United Funds (Community Chest) was supposed to eliminate. Now it is reported that 7000 workers are active in soliciting funds in this area for a charitable project in California. Where's it going to stop?—Overland Park (Kans.) Johnson County Herald.

If the federal government enters into our public school program with financial aid and we accept it, sooner or later our public school system will be dead; it'll be a new system controlled from Washington. We'll accept the money with "no strings" and after a few years, after we've forgotten how to provide for ourselves, we'll suddenly find the strings coming hot and fast.—Abbeville (S.C.) Press and Banner.

## REACHING OUT!



## Addled Pedagogue

During the coffee break at a recent conference on the Psychological and Sociological Implications for Democratic Administration of an Enriched Program of In-Service Training we ran into an old friend, that outstanding administrator, Dr. Gobble D. Gook. We thought the Doctor, who represents a large state department of education, looked a little peaked.

"How goes it with you, Doctor?" we asked.

"A little tired at the moment, my boy," he replied, in a voice somewhat devoid of its usual richness. "It's the heavy schedule of conferences lately, I guess — my fifth in two weeks. But I'm not complaining. They all contribute to our professional growth, what? Help us to live up to our potential. Invaluable in providing insightful experiences, eh?"

"Anything interesting going on in the schools in your state?" we asked.

"Glad you asked me that." The Doctor perked up a bit but he still sounded weary and seemed preoccupied. "I am proud to say that several school systems in my state seem at last to be achieving the breakthrough in deflating a vibrant, dynamic, enriched program which provides for the needs, interests and abilities of all the children in the on-going process of democratic enculturation which..."

"Glad to hear it, Doctor," we broke in quickly. "Is there anything of which you are particularly proud? How about programs for the gifted?"

"In this area, my boy, I can sincerely report that we have been working on the very frontier of experimentation. Our curriculum coordinators and our guidance diagnosticians have been seeking out those fortunate deviates in our school system who can profit, ability-wise, from an accelerated, enriched, meaningful program."

And how about the less bright? What are you doing for them?"

"You are referring, I presume," said the Doctor in tones of mounting exhaustion, "to that vast group which includes the low achievers, those working below their potential, the culturally deprived, the physically handicapped, the disadvantaged, those who have failed to develop behaviors indicative of growth toward orientation and integration."

"Something of the sort," we interrupted. But the Doctor went right on and we noticed there was an unreal, sing-song quality in his voice now and a look of abstraction in his eye.

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

# Southland Sharpening Swords For Fight With Cow Counties

There has been a lot of yakkity-yak about reapportionment of the state to even up the senate representation a little bit between north and south, and to lessen the stranglehold the so-called "cow county" senators have over legislation in the state.

Southern California officials have bemoaned the situation for years — some have even threatened to form a new state.

Less drastic is Supervisor Frank Bonelli, who has offered a reapportionment plan and asked Southland cities to get behind the move.

His request sounded fine to many city councils throughout the area, but it didn't sound so good to directors of the League of California Cities.

They want to wait until the state water bond election is over in November, 1960. League officials feel a move to deprive the northern senators of some of their power would work against the water campaign.

Here, in essence, is Bonelli's plan:

1. No county would have more than five senators.
2. No county or group of contiguous counties with a population totaling less than 250,000 shall have more than one senator.
3. No county or group of contiguous counties with a population of more than 250,000, but less than 900,000 shall have more than two senators.
4. Any single county with a population in excess of 900,000 shall have three or more senators.

The way Supervisor Bonelli's plan works out, Los Angeles County would have 5 senators; San Diego, 3; San Bernardino, Orange, Kern, Riverside, Alameda, San Francisco, and Fresno 2 each; and Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Imperial counties would have 1 senator each.

Counties which would share two senators include Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin; Sacramento, Solano, Napa, and Yolo; Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma; and San Mateo and Santa Cruz.

County groupings sharing only one senator for each group would include Butte, Mendocino, Tehama, Lassen, Glenn, and Plumas; Shasta, Del Norte, Trinity, Modoc, and Humboldt; Merced, Madera, Inyo, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Mono; Placer, Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Eldorado, Lake Colusa, Amador, Sierra, and Alpine; Monterey and San Benito; and Tulare and Kings.

Controversy over the state's water problems and the Senate's refusal to place a possessory interest tax on defense plants has been cited

as the trigger which set off the demands for reapportionment.

Maybe another way would be the one hinted at by Councilman Willys Blount the other evening—a unicameral, or one-house—legislature, made up of representatives on a population basis.

They have it in Nebraska, and it apparently works quite well.

That giant of the retail merchandising world, Sears, Roebuck & Co., announced this week that they had invested a record \$48,650,000 in newspaper advertising space during the year ending June 30. That amounted to about \$2,000,000 more than the firm invested in the same media for the previous year. Store officials report they are firm believers in the value of newspaper advertising and back it up with their budgets. More than 950 daily and weekly newspapers shared in the expenditures, and during the past year as in previous years, the Torrance HERALD carried the Sears message to the Torrance area regularly.

Sign on a truck: If all else fails, follow directions.

## My Neighbors



"No, little boy, I am not riding your beach ball!"

## LAW IN ACTION

# Two Sets of Laws

We obey both federal and state laws, for example, covering crimes.

The Supreme Court recently held that the same act may violate either one or both laws and the accused can be prosecuted under both laws without being placed in "double jeopardy."

Yet both kinds of law protect a citizen; and the federal constitution protects him from state laws which are unreasonable or oppressive, but now and then one gets caught between both kinds of law.

Recently a state court called in a witness to testify about certain crimes; the witness "took the Fifth Amendment," saying that to answer

might incriminate him under federal law. Since state laws exempted him from prosecution in state courts if he testified, the court ordered him to speak anyhow. The witness could:

- (1) Be held in contempt of the state court, and perhaps go to jail if he didn't answer;
- (2) Be held to face perjury charges if he lied; or
- (3) Tell the truth and face federal prosecution.

The promise not to prosecute in return for "singing" binds only the promising government: The state cannot bind the federal government, nor vice versa.

More, one state might prosecute a man on the testimony he gave in another state. One state's immunity pledge does not bind another.

Some states do not force testimony if, in giving it, a witness faces danger of prosecution by another state or the federal government.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1-High maintain
  - 4-Snake
  - 8-Entrally
  - 12-Nobility
  - 18-Rhythmical
  - 19-swing
  - 24-Chinese pagoda
  - 26-Vigorous
  - 28-Debate
  - 30-Metal fastener
  - 31-Prefix; not
  - 32-Pigeon
  - 33-Proposition
  - 37-Pedal digit
  - 39-Body of water
  - 40-Look pryingly
  - 41-Prince's measure
  - 42-Silch
  - 43-Container
  - 44-Common wall
  - 47-Gratuity
  - 48-Chicken
  - 49-Pitch
  - 50-Fondle
  - 51-River in Italy
  - 52-Brown with white interspersed
  - 54-Measuring device
  - 57-A state
  - 58-Burma's tribesman
  - 59-Century
  - 60-Diant
  - 63-Clan
  - 64-Young salmon
  - 66-Great Lake
  - 67-Grain
- DOWN
- 1-Pillar
  - 2-Faithful
  - 3-Source
  - 4-Toward the sheltered side
  - 5-Transgression
  - 6-In great number
  - 7-Wander
  - 8-Shining
  - 9-Illuminated
  - 10-Silkworm
  - 11-Fading
  - 17-Enlisted man (colloq.)
  - 20-World organization (colloq.)
  - 22-Carpenter's tool
  - 24-Negative
  - 25-Heavy volume
  - 26-Frank
  - 27-Trial
  - 28-Proposition
  - 29-Insect
  - 30-Weaken
  - 31-Prince's measure
  - 32-Tiny amount
  - 33-Indefinite article
  - 34-Simple
  - 35-More torrid
  - 36-Out of date
  - 37-Hebrew letter
  - 38-Faroe Islands whirwind
  - 44-Apportion
  - 45-Ascend
  - 46-Neck
  - 47-Guido's high note
  - 48-Conjunction
  - 49-Stender final



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### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

MAR 21	1 A	61 Run
MAR 21	2 New	62 Intuition
MAR 21	3 Make	63 Or
MAR 21	4 You're	64 This
MAR 21	5 Don't	65 Now
MAR 21	6 A	66 For
MAR 21	7 In	67 Day
MAR 21	8 Denser	68 And
MAR 21	9 Slant	69 Fellow
MAR 21	10 For	70 Don't
MAR 21	11 You	71 Profitable
MAR 21	12 Don't	72 Or
MAR 21	13 Broad	73 Partner
MAR 21	14 Should	74 Festivities
MAR 21	15 You	75 A
MAR 21	16 Your	76 Defer
MAR 21	17 May	77 Idea
MAR 21	18 Help	78 How
MAR 21	19 Plans	79 May
MAR 21	20 Special	80 Materialize
MAR 21	21 News	81 Green
MAR 21	22 You	82 Light
MAR 21	23 Find	83 Problems
MAR 21	24 The	84 Keen
MAR 21	25 Are	85 Friend
MAR 21	26 New	86 Obligations
MAR 21	27 Blast	87 Don't
MAR 21	28 On	88 Insieme
MAR 21	29 Indicated	89 Dear
MAR 21	30 Other	90 Dream

LIBRA

SEPT. 23 - OCT. 23

12-13-24-30

42-50-55

69-78-83-84

SCORPIO

OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

4-7-10-35

37-41-74

SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 23 - DEC. 22

11-14-18-30

42-50-55

51-56-60-63

71-77-79-80

CAPRICORN

DEC. 23 - JAN. 20

20-21-29-44

47-72-73

AQUARIUS

JAN. 21 - FEB. 19

20-21-29-44

47-72-73

PISCES

FEB. 20 - MAR. 21

15-17-23-26

45-49-57-80

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